



## **GOVERNOR DAVIS, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION** ***2001-02 Legislative Education Initiatives***

### **GOVERNOR S PRINCIPAL TRAINING ACT** **AB 75 (STEINBERG/NAKANO)**

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**A strong principal at every school is key to realizing continued improvement in student performance. The Governor s Principal Training Act would train California s 15,000 school site administrators to improve student performance through the use of performance data, instructional leadership and management strategies.**

Public schools have turned the corner with a laser-like focus on improving student achievement. In this new era of higher expectations, we must now turn our attention to improved leadership at the school level. Leading voices in education point to principals instructional leadership as a critical ingredient to student achievement. The Governor s Principal Training Act will provide training for 5,000 school principals and vice-principals per year until all 15,000 school site administrators are trained.

#### **The Principal Training Act will:**

Provide intensive principal training for 5,000 school principals and vice-principals per year, focused on:

- School financial and personnel management,
- Core academic content standards,
- Curriculum frameworks and instructional materials aligned to the state academic standards,
- The use of student assessment instruments, specific strategies to master the use of STAR assessment data, and school management technology to improve student performance.
- Instructional leadership and management strategies regarding the use of instructional technology to improve student performance.

#### **BILL REQUIREMENTS:**

Local education agencies must use a state qualified provider to offer training that meets specified criteria established by the State Board of Education in consultation with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. There must be no less than 80 hours of training and at least 80 additional hours of intensive individualized support and professional development through the school year.

**FUNDING:** The Governor's budget provides a total of \$15 million, at an average cost of \$3,000 per school site administrator. Local districts would match funding at \$1 per \$3 of state funding. Several major foundations have indicated an interest in this effort. The state will pursue such private funds to offset the local match.

**Number of school site administrators served:** 5,000 per year.